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(U) DCM Fred Cook called shortly before 2 p.m. to discuss security situation.

(U) "Department should understand situation we face."

(C) Caracas is calm but problems remain. [REDACTED]

(SBU) Even before the events of the last 72 hours, private US citizens have been threatened on city buses.

(U) Today, graffiti started appearing in the city "Shapiro asesino," and "Yankees, you lost."

[REDACTED]

(C) NB - Wackenhut provides the Embassy's unarmed local security guards.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(C) Keep in mind:

- No flights have yet left Caracas
- At 25,000 US citizens reside in-country

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